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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS AND STUDENTS IN NEW ZEALAND

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. IN MAY 1 PRESS STATEMENT ACTING PRIME MINISTER TIZARD ANNOUNCED GNZ HAD DECIDED TO GRANT ASYLUM TO STAFF OF GVN EMBASSY. GVN AMBASSADOR HOAN INFORMED EMBOFF MAY 1 THAT HE HAD REQUESTED ASYLUM IN NEW ZEALAND FOR MISSION STAFF BUT NOT FOR HIMSELF AS HE DESIRES ENTER UNITED STATES. IN TELEVISION INTERVIEW HOAN STATED HE DID NOT INTEND TO ASK FOR ASYLUM FOR HIMSELF IN NEW ZEALAND. TIZARD'S STATEMENT NOTES POSITION OF AMBASSADOR DID NOT APPEAR TO BE SETTLED BUT MADE IT CLEAR THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF HIM LEAVING NEW ZEALAND AGAINST HIS WILL.

2. WITH REGARD TO STUDENTS, TIZARD REFERRED TO APRIL 29 STATEMENT WHICH SAID, IN PART, "IT HAS LONG BEEN GNZ POLICY THAT STUDENTS HERE WHO, IN THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW, WOULD ON RETURN HOME BE SUBJECTED TO UNACCEPTABLE PRESSURES MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN NEW ZEALAND, PROVIDED THEY HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THEIR COURSES OF STUDY HERE. IT WOULD BE THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO FOLLOW A

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SIMILAR POLICY SHOULD SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES DEVELOP IN

CAMBODIA OR VIETNAM". MAY 1 STATEMENT ADDED TO THIS BY NOTING,  
"THE QUESTION COULD BE LOOKED AT IN THE LONGER TERM WHEN  
THE STUDENTS HAD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO JUDGE FOR THEMSELVES  
WHAT COURSE OF ACTION MIGHT BE IN THEIR BEST INTERESTS."  
EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES FROM STUDENTS  
WISHING TO ENTER U.S. IN LIGHT OF GNZ STATEMENTS WE HAVE  
INFORMED THEM THAT IMMIGRANT VISA ROUTE APPEARS TO BE ONLY  
ONE OPEN TO THEM.

3. IN ADDITION TO STUDENTS WORKING ON UNIVERSITY DEGREES,  
THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY TEN VIETNAMESE TEACHERS OF ENGLISH  
IN NEW ZEALAND ON A ONE YEAR COURSE OF STUDY. MOST OF THESE  
PEOPLE ARE MARRIED AND HAVE WIVES AND CHILDREN IN VIETNAM.  
THOSE WHO DO MAY WELL DECIDE TO RETURN TO VIETNAM.  
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